

EXPLOSION VICTIMS SO BURNED THEY CAN'T BE IDENTIFIED

Philadelphia, April 11.—Most reliable estimates early today placed the death toll of Eddystone munitions disaster as high as 140, many of the victims having died horrible deaths during the night at the various places in Chester used as hospitals. More than 150 are now placed in the list of injured, although an accurate count is next to impossible.

Feared that there may be still other dead in ruins of plant.

Work of identification progresses slowly. Although many bereaved relatives have identified loved ones, scores left the morgue and hospitals in despair. Most identifications were by means of finger rings or other trinkets. It was utterly impossible to identify by bodily marks. Scores of bodies were so charred it was impossible to ascertain even their sex.

In Chester morgue alone there are still 105 bodies to be claimed.

Friends of the dead were let in during the night by twos and threes and led down the rows of sheet-enveloped forms laid in as careful precision as the rows of death-dealing shells that killed them. Fathers, mothers, sisters and friends slowly scanned the bodies, moving from form to form. Horror was so great that many were awed beyond stage of tears. They merely walked along, with pallid faces, stooping over each form, and proceeding onward in their vain search. Two or three women fainted, but for most part there was a grim and horror-stricken determination not to be overcome.

Investigation shows victims were mainly residents of this section.

Two suspects of the plot were arrested early today at the Pennsylvania station at Chester by department of justice officials. Their names were withheld.

The two men bought tickets for Philadelphia, went out on the platform and let the train go by. They

had been under surveillance by officials, who immediately nabbed them. Sufficient evidence of their connection in the plot was found to warrant taking the men to Philadelphia for further examination.

Scores of employes who were not victims of the tragedy have told the story that warnings were passed around last week saying: "Don't come to work Saturday or Monday." Most of them laughed at the idea, but it is known that a good number took the hint even to an additional day and thus avoided death.

A significant statement was made today by Basil Greenke, inspector for the Russian government in the pellet department. Greenko declared that the explosion occurred in the loading room, where there was no powder or shells. He was badly hurt.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO PROBE GRAIN RISE

The upward leap taken by the price of grain on the declaration of war with Germany caused quick action by the government authorities yesterday. Several dealers are undergoing an investigation which is expected to determine whether the prices bounded up by agreement. The firms are said to be: J. Ogden Armour & Co., James A. Patten, Armour Grain Co., Adolph Lichstern, Arthur Cutten and William Martin.

Thirty-five brokers have been called and the books of three brokerage firms will be presented in Judge Landis' court at the request of Asst. U. S. Att'y Robert Childs. The firms hit by subpoenas are Bartlett, Frazier & Co., Logan & Bryan and Block, Maloney & Co.

FREE MAYOR'S CHAUFFEUR

The case against A. W. Stroil, Mayor Thompson's chauffeur, was quashed yesterday by the Evanston police before it reached the courts. So the city executive will not have to pay a fine for breaking Evanston's speed laws.